

CURRENT EVENTS.

Bushnell was inaugurated governor of Ohio on the 10th inst.

The reindeer are en route from Lapland for the Klondike relief expedition.

The Pacific Northwest Cattle association will meet at Pendleton, Oregon, Feb. 15.

Senator Frye has introduced a bill in congress to have built eight new revenue cutters.

The senate committee on military matters has ordered a favorable report on the bill to increase the regular army.

The discovery of the mother-lode—the source of the Klondike placer fields—is reported, and great excitement prevails.

The woman's auxilliary of the Chicago Cuban committee of 100 are arranging for a relief fund for the Cuban patriots.

Portland, Ore., merchants secured most of the contracts to furnish government supplies for the Klondike relief expedition.

Corbett's claim to a senatorial seat on the appointment of Governor Lord of Oregon, is to have a hearing next Monday. The prospects are for an adverse report by the committee.

A combine of the department stores in Denver, Colo., have boycotted the daily papers pending accession of the latter to the former's demand for a 20 per cent. reduction in advertising rates.

The last payment to the government by the Union Pacific reorganization committee for the Union Pacific was made Jan. 5, a check for \$8,500,000 being deposited at the sub-treasury in New York.

The New York Herald prints a letter from Gomez, the Cuban general, in which he declares that the Cubans will only accept peace with complete independence from Spain. He says his soldiers will continue the war if they have to go naked.

The executive committee of the American Federation of Labor has asked congress for legislation on the following matters: An eight-hour day on all public works; prevention of the indiscriminate and dangerous use of the writ of injunction, and restriction of immigration on an educational basis.

The Ohio legislature stands 74 to 71 against Hanna at last reports. The senatorial fight is a bitter one and accusations of bribery are made by both sides. An outgrowth of the contest is the introduction in the lower house of a resolution to amend the state constitution so that United States senators shall be elected by direct vote.

LATER.—Hanna is elected.

REFLECTED RAYS.

God and man cannot occupy the same space at the same time.—[Sel.]

The man who "walks with god" is not always in the best of company.—[Ex.]

For moralists to talk about altering morals without altering environments is no wiser than for a doctor to poultice a wooden leg.—[Ben Tillet.]

In the death of C. S. Adams, Oregon loses one of her brightest minds. Mr. Adams has occupied a conspicuous place in the affairs of our state during all the years of his working life.—[Statesman.]

They are again discussing the question, "Why go to church?" One of the best answers we remember was that of a hard-working old Scotswoman, who said: "I ae gaed to th' kirk to sleepit."—[Free-thinker.]

Over the door of one of the many abandoned churches in the west is the inscription: "This is the gate to heaven"; and just below is the sign: "Closed by order of the American Loan Company."—[Free-thinker.]

I would like to see corporal punishment done away with in every home, in every school, in every asylum, reformatory and prison. Cruelty hardens and degrades, kindness reforms and ennobles.—[Ingersoll.]

It is asserted that there are over a thousand Christians among the lepers in India. Doubtless they all believe that God afflicted them with this horrible disease in his infinite goodness and mercy, that his name might be glorified forever.—[Investigator.]

A prisoner in Cincinnati was discovered in the awful crime of slipping his food through the bars to his little daughter. An investigation revealed the fact that his wife and little ones were starving and freezing in this city of churches and wealthy people. This is a Christian nation!—[Appeal to Reason.]

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